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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON RECOVERY EFFORT FOR ZAIRE

REF: A. STATE 137343, B. A IDJAN 4845

1. IVORIAN PRESS MAY 22 PROMINENTLY REPORTED STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO HOUPHOUET IN PARIS (REF B) THAT IVORY COAST WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT ENGAGE IVORIAN TROOPS IN ZAIRE BUT WOULD ASSIST ZAIRE WITH FOOD AND MEDICAL AID. SINCE THIS STATEMENT HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN MODIFIED BY HOUPHOUET IN PARIS OR BY GOIC IN ABIDJAN IN PAST WEEK, WE ASSUME THAT IT STILL REPRESENTS IVORIAN POLICY AND THAT, WHILE GOIC WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AMPLE MORAL AND SOME MATERIAL SUPPORT TO ZAIRE, IVORIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT PLAN TO CONTRIBUTE TROOPS TO INTER-AFRICAN FORCE.

2. SUCH A POLICY WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT IMPLY IVORIAN OPPOSITION TO CREATION OF INTER-FRICAN PEACE KEEPING FORCE FOR ZAIRE - INDEED FORCE OF THIS KIND WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH HOUPHOUET'S BELIEF THAT MODERATE AFRICAN STATES SHOULD DO MORE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR DEFENSIVE CAPABILITY WITH WESTERN HELP - BUT WOULD REFLECT HOUPHOUET'S PREFERENCE FOR DIALOGUE RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION AND HIS TRADITIONAL RELUCTANCE TO COMMIT MODEST IVORIAN MILITARY
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RESOURCES (ALL SERVICES REPRESENT TOTAL STRENGTH OF ABOUT 5,000 MEN) OUTSIDE OF IVORY COAST.

3. DEPARTMENT REPEAT OTHER POSTS AS DESIRED.
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